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FISH KILL AT CARTER LAKE KILLS 5,000 YELLOW BASS

CARTER LAKE — A fish kill discovered Thursday morning in Carter Lake has killed approximately 5,000 yellow bass.

A virus most likely caused the kill, which only affected yellow bass. No further impact is expected on other aquatic life in the lake.

“A few more yellow bass may be dying off soon, but because it’s a virus, it won’t be affecting anything else,” said Lewis Bruce, DNR fisheries technician.

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DNR ANNOUNCES WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKSHOP FOR NEW PERMIT PROCESS

DES MOINES — The DNR will host a training workshop to overview the new wastewater treatment permit approval process Tuesday, May 25. Consulting engineers, project managers, and city and county officials are encouraged to attend.

The workshop will be held at the University Park Holiday Inn in West Des Moines from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost of the workshop is \$35 and includes all meals.

The DNR recently underwent a major review and revision of the process it uses to accept wastewater treatment projects and to issue construction permits. The revision had measurable results, refining the process from 28 months to 4 months.

“Learning about these changes firsthand is important for anyone involved in the process,” said Wayne Farrand, environmental program supervisor with the DNR. “Attendees will get the inside story and be able to better work with us on new permits.”

To obtain a registration form, visit www.iowadnr.com/news/04apr/wwworkshop.html. Registrations must be postmarked or faxed by May 7, 2004.

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JINKINSON RETIRES AS DNR FIELD OFFICE 2 SUPERVISOR; VANSTEENBURG NAMED AS SUCCESSOR

MASON CITY — After 26 years of public service, Bill Jinkinson is packing it in. On April 22, the environmental protection veteran will officially trade his computer keyboard for the solitude of a campfire.

For the past 22 and a half years, Jinkinson has served as supervisor of the DNR’s Environmental Protection Services field office in Mason City. He has overseen programs involving drinking water supplies, wastewater, emergency response programs, livestock feeding operations, underground storage tank monitoring and sanitary landfills.

The DNR has appointed Jeff Vansteenburgh as Jinkinson’s successor. Vansteenburgh has served as a DNR Environmental Specialist since 1985 and was formerly a limnologist with the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory. He holds degrees from Minnesota State University, Mankato and from the University of Wisconsin, with a M.S. degree in biology with an emphasis in aquatic sciences.

“We have some very good environmental programs to offer the public, and I’m very excited to have an opportunity to serve at this level,” Vansteenburgh said. “I think one of the greatest challenges we all face is to help the public really understand the importance of living in a clean environment and to understand the importance of obeying environmental regulations.”

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